

Easement

ABSTRACT

WA-I-289

19th Century

Barnett-Beard House

Cearfoss Vicinity

Private

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WA-I-289
District 13
Map 23
Parcel 26

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Barnett-Beard House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

14404
(Cearfoss Pike, MD 58)

Cearfoss-Mercersburg (Pa.) Road, about 1/2 mile northwest of Cearfoss

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

☒ VICINITY OF Cearfoss

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Vaughn K. Beard

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 6, Box 75

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21740

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: 273

Folio #: 314

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED \leq 50%

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house is located along the east side of the Cearfoss-Mercersburg Road, about one half mile northwest of Cearfoss in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated on an area of level ground near a small creek and faces west.

The structure is a two story, three bay frame building sheathed with shingle siding. A one and a half story, two bay addition extends to the north. The house rests on fieldstone foundations. Thickness of the walls at the window and door jambs suggests timber frame construction.

Windows and doors are aligned with each other in the walls but are not arranged symmetrically. Original windows in the main section appear relatively small in relation to wall area. They have two over two pane sashes and are trimmed with flat architraves of a type which generally date from the early 20th century. One first story window in the front elevation of the main section has been enlarged to match those of the addition.

The main entrance to the south section is located in the central bay of the front elevation. It is plain, without a transom and is trimmed similarly to the windows. Another entrance in the front elevation is in the second bay from the north end of the addition, framed again the end wall of the main section. An early 20th century one story porch extends along most of the front elevation.

The roof of the main section is sheathed with sheet metal while that of the addition has wooden shingles. Both have overhangs at the gables. Small brick chimneys are located inside the end walls of the main section. A larger brick chimney extends from inside the end wall of the addition.

Ruins of foundations, presumably for a barn are located near the road, a short distance northwest of the house.

The house appears to be in good condition and stands on a tract containing 3.10 acres, once part of a farm.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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During the early years of the 19th century, this farm was owned by the Barnett family, being conveyed by Henry Barnett to Jacob Barnett in 1813 (Y/746). In March of 1834, it was sold by Jacob Barnett to Joshua Newcomer (PP/194). Presumably it remained in the Newcomer family for some time. By the 1890's, however, it was owned by Catherine Stouffer who was involved in an equity court case concerning this farm in 1897. In a notice for the public sale of this property in December of 1897, it was described as improved with a frame dwelling house, a barn and other outbuildings. (Chancery Records 29/641).

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington County Land Records.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 3.10 acres**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

June 1977

STREET & NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

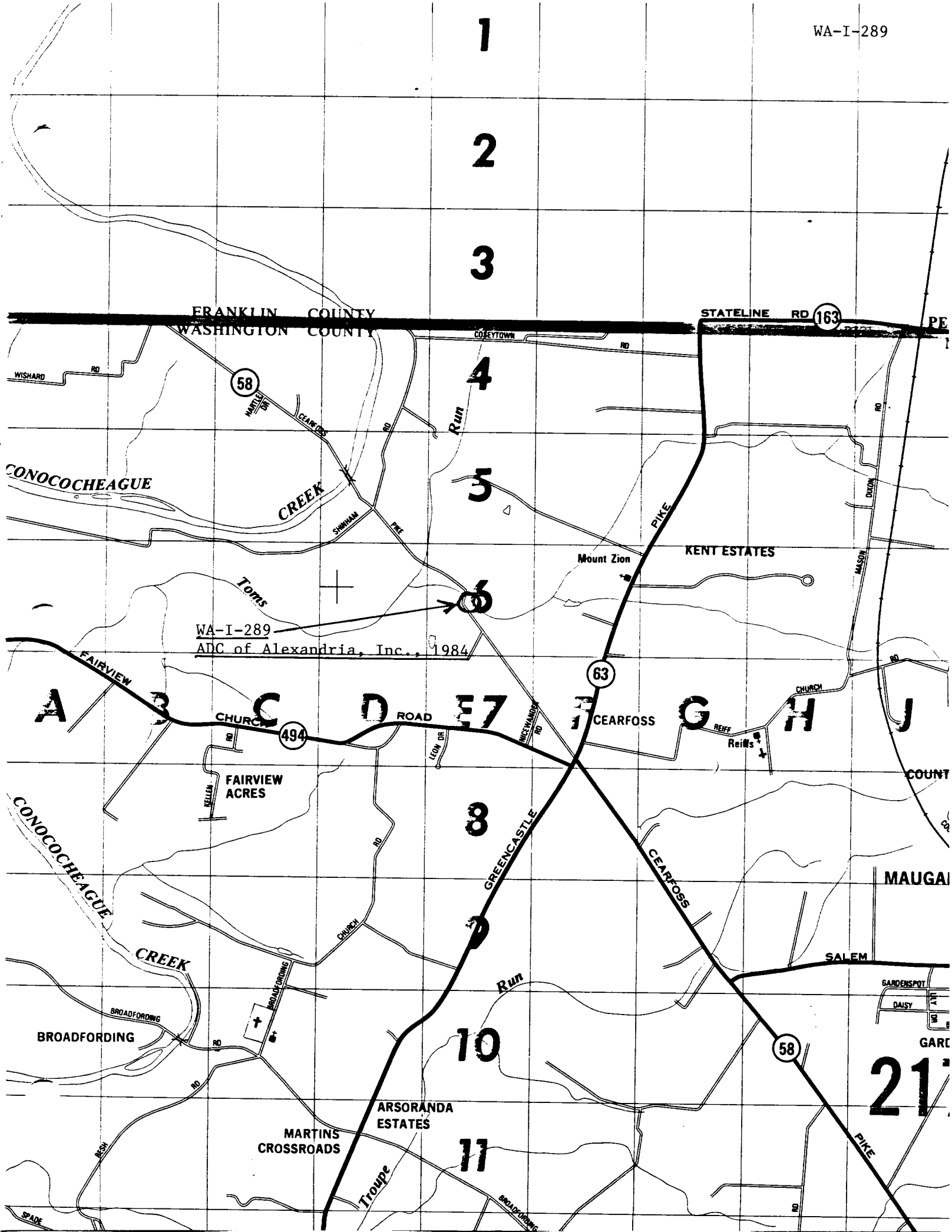
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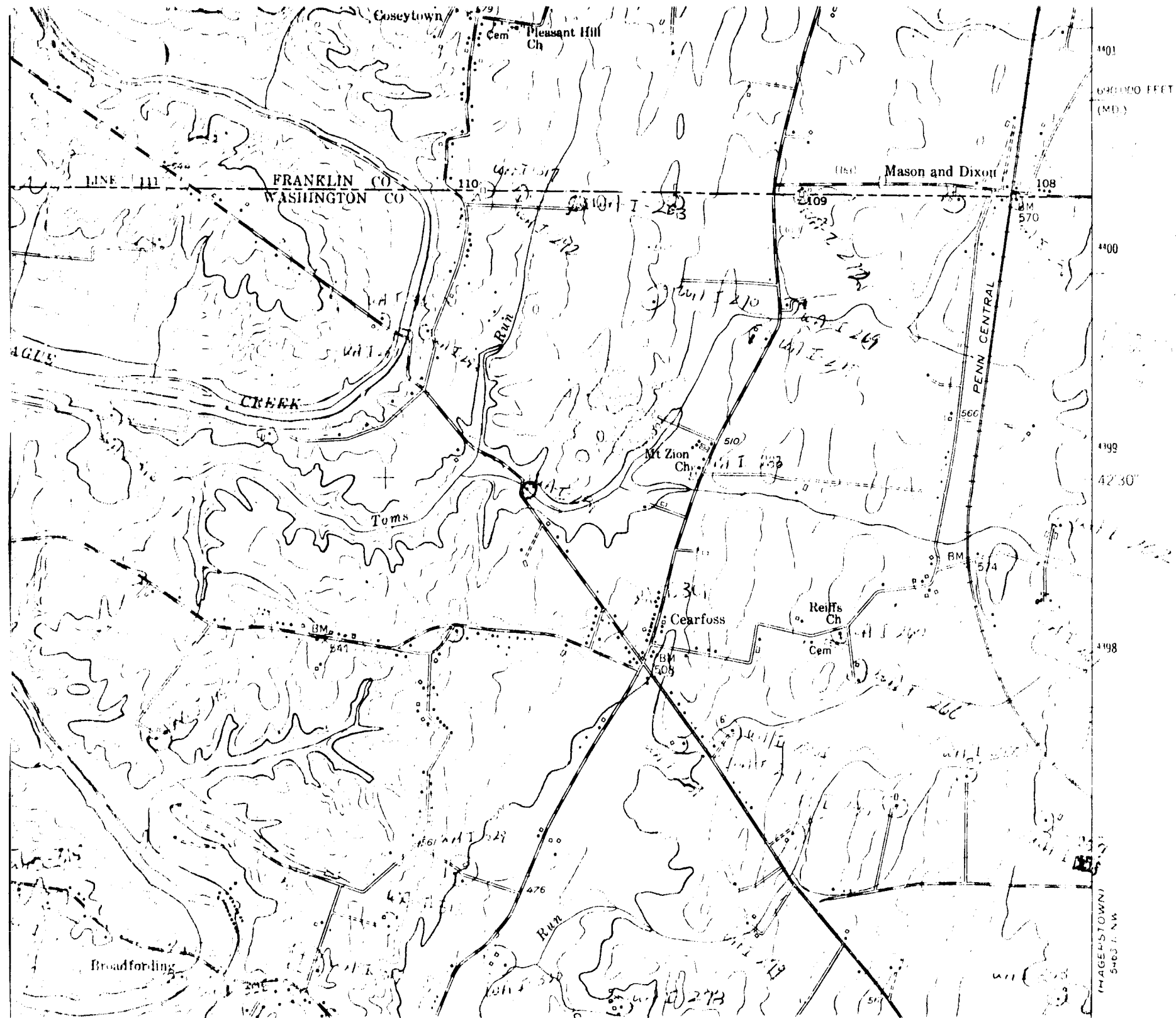
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BARNETT-BEARD HOUSE

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Barnett-Beard House

From southwest

Barnett-Beard House

WA-1-289

123217 Pines Fork Pike

S. Goodrich

7.73.93

Southwest